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Scots Fight Attacks By Labour and Tories

In April 1996, when local government in Scotland was reorganised, the Tories deliberately ensured the new authorities had less money than they needed to run the services we rely on. They did this by cutting central government grants, capping spending and vindictively redrawing boundaries, particularly in Glasgow, where its more affluent suburbs have been given to neighbouring councils.

Services including schools, nurseries, community centres, sheltered housing schemes, libraries and sports centres are facing redundancies and savage cuts. These cuts are largely being made by Labour politicians who are more interested in their own power, position and perks than standing with the working class to fight the Tories. And New Labour have made it clear that there will be little change if they win the general election.

Across Scotland, people who use services, workers and other members of local communities have been coming together to fight this calculated, premeditated attack on working people. They are building on last years victories when a number of services including schools and neighbourhood centres were saved by community occupations and campaigns.

STRIKE ACTION

Despite initial inaction and delaying tactics, demands from grass roots members has forced the leadership of several local government unions to successfully ballot for days of strike action, including 6 March when tens of thousands of council workers were out on strike across Scotland. In Glasgow, this forced the Council to abandon its budget meeting until the following Monday, when again, thousands of staff walked out and

lobbied the Council. Other actions have included:

Glasgow

* Jan. Self-organised group of disabled people force the council



to reverse their plan to evict them by staging an overnight occupation.

* 25 Jan. 20,00 people march through city centre to protest at education cuts.

* 10 Feb. Cuts in transport for voluntary groups are reversed after users lobby the Labour Group meeting.

* 17-24 Feb. Library staff strike.

* 20 Feb. Thousands of council workers strike, mass lobby and illegal march outside City Chambers. Residents of sheltered housing scheme in Govan, including one man aged 100 who took part in the hunger marches of the 1920's and 30's stood side by side with a new generation of

Social Justice for the Dockers

16 months ago, 500 Liverpool dockers, many with 20-30 years service, were sacked for refusing to cross a picket line. The privatisation of Britain's ports in 1989 opened up the way for Mersey Harbour & Dock Company to use casual labour to do dockers' jobs.

On 20th January, dockers, seafarers and other workers in 105 ports and cities, in 27 countries joined workplace meetings, work-to-rules, demonstrations at British Government overseas offices and held full-scale strikes:

• **West Coast U.S.A.:** all ports stopped for at least 8 hours. In Los Angeles alone, over 100 cranes were stopped, with 32 ships in harbour and another 16 due that day.

• **Denmark:** The ports of Aarhus and Copenhagen had 24 hour stoppages.

• **Liverpool:** A continuous mass picket of Seaforth Container terminal, and 3 cranes occupied for 27 hours, prevented unloading of the *Lake Crie* for 35 hours.

The picket of dockers and *Women of the Waterfront* included delegations from the victorious occupation of the Glasgow engineering firm, *Glaciers*, and the Darlington kitchen firm, *Magnet* where workers remain sacked.

A major march in London on April 12th for Social Justice (no matter who is elected!) is sponsored by the Liverpool Dockers, Reclaim the Future and other workers in struggle. For more details of the dockers dispute contact Liverpool Dock Shop Stewards Committee c/o 19 Scorton St., L6 4AS, tel 0151-207-3388. see also CI No.47 and *Subversion* No.18 (Large SAE from Dept. 10, 1 Newton St., Manchester M1 1HW).

Magnet Repels !

350 Magnet Workers sacked in September '96 in Darlington for demanding their first pay rise in 3 years. A parent company Director, Mr. Antonini, paid himself £772,000 for 12 months 'work'!

The former employees of the kitchen unit company have got support from Job Centre workers who blacked adverts for scab replacements. They have also linked up with Hospital strikers in Newcastle, the Liverpool Dockers, the 31 workers sacked at Critchley Labels in south Wales for demanding union recognition, and anarchists who have helped to picket Magnet showrooms. Donations (to *Magnet Family Hardship Fund*) & Messages of support to Magnet Strike Committee c/o Ian Crammond, 109 Jedburgh Dr., Darlington DL3 9UP

Hillingdon - Support Needed

Hillingdon Hospital Workers are another group of workers who have learned who their true friends are in a dispute. Unison refuse to pay hardship money, 18 months after the workers were sacked by Pall Mall, and continue to undermine solidarity for the workers who have linked up with others in struggle. Contact Malkiat Bilku on 0956-135311.

activists to address a rally to protest at the scrapping of the warden scheme. Residents not able to leave their homes, showed support by hanging towels from their windows.

* 4-6 Mar. Hundreds of staff in Property Services strike.

* 5 Mar. Over 100 Social work staff walk out in disgust as cuts in jobs and services are announced.

* 9 Mar. 30+ social work staff picket on Sunday morning to uphold a ban on overtime working.

* 10 Mar. OCCUPATION of City Chambers by Community Halls threatened with closure with banners displayed & the entrance blockaded by 1000 strikers, with Councillors & scabs turned away.

Kirkcaldy, Fife

* 22 Feb. Over 500 marched in protest at cuts in jobs and services.

Stornoway, Western Isles

* 3 Mar. Children and parents lobby

Scottish Secretary Forsyth over education cuts.

Edinburgh

* 21 Jan. Families demonstrate over cuts at meeting of Wester Hailes Partnership Board.

* 6 Feb. 500 demonstrators march in protest at council cuts - roads blocked, apparently inspired by actions of French workers.

* 13 Feb. Catering workers hand councillors cold packed lunches in protest at plans to axe hot school meals.

* 20 Feb. Disabled people rally against cuts in access project.

* 22 Feb. Children and parents from 3 schools held marches to protest at school closures. Petition handed to Scottish Secretary.

* 6 Mar. Over 600 strikers and service users demonstrate at council meeting.

As we go to press, strikes continue, and occupations are likely.

World to Win



WATER 'BOUT THAT!

On December 19, the Irish govt. announced the abolition of the hated water charges. The success of the campaign by the Federation of Anti-Water Charges was built on a strong grassroots movement with 17,000 households joining. Total arrears are thought to be IR£25m with 80% of households eligible to pay, either behind or having paid nothing. The battle's not won yet, though, as council officials have threatened to 'pursue arrears to the bitter end' and a number of families are having to appeal against court disconnection orders. Info: *Black Flag, Ainrial.*

STANDSTILL BUDGET
The last week of '96 saw Israel brought to a standstill as 400,000 workers, mainly in the public sector, struck for 5 days in protest at the government's proposed budget cuts. The telephone company, banks, postoffices, seaports, airports and radio and TV stations were all affected by the strike which forced the Knesset to reject the budget. The govt. wants to reduce deficits and pay for financial incentives to settlers on the Gaza Strip and West Bank. The Israeli working class have already suffered through increased taxes and welfare cuts.

BOGOTA BACKS DOWN
An 8 day strike by 800,000 public sector workers in Colombia forced the Govt. to back down on its plans to limit wage increases to 9% below inflation.

UNION BOSSES - who neeus them?
Following a 97% vote for strike action in February, Ireland's nurses have forced their govt. to dish out IR£80m including nearly IR£30m in back pay. They previously rejected 4 separate deals negotiated by union leaders despite govt. protests that there was no more money.

VILLAGERS REFUSE TO THO DA LINE
People in the North Vietnamese village of Tho Da, north of Hanoi, fear venturing outside its confines after fights with riot police. The village is to be destroyed to make way for a golf course but villagers, resigned to losing their land, are demanding adequate compensation and have clashed with security forces twice in the last year. 1 woman was killed when police tried to destroy the crop in May '96. On December 30, townspeople fought a pitched battle with cops.

JOBURG - MEET THE NEW BOSS
On February 6, protests against rates payments in Johannesburg turned into battles with police. At least 2 adults and 2 children were killed and scores injured following the protests in 8 mixed-race townships, south-west of the city, where unemployment runs at 80%. The Southern Metro Council, which wants £80m in unpaid bills, was rumoured to be preparing to evict or cut off electricity from those in arrears. Cops fired rubber bullets during the day-long fighting and army units were called in as barricades went up.

STATE VERSUS THE WORKERS
On 16 Feb, Iranian riot cops arrested scores of oil workers, in Tehran, demonstrating at the Oil Ministry in demand of higher pay.

THE HEAVIEST PENALTY

SUICIDE in prison has reached an all-time high.. 6 young women have hanged themselves in Cornton Vale prison, Stirling, Scotland in the past 18 months.

On 3 March Fatal Accident Enquiries commenced on 3 of the deaths. Angela Bolan's one-time cell mate told how Angela, while withdrawing from heroin, was left alone in a cell for 5 hours, with no-one checking on her.

- The rate of prison suicide is now 10 times that on the outside

- The prison death rate now exceeds the rate of capital punishment before its 1964 abolition

- January 1995 to May 1996 saw 81 prison suicides in England and Wales

- There were 381 prison suicides between 1990-95

The obsession with incarceration is killing dozens of petty-offending working class youngsters whose 'crime' is impoverished alienation from the good things of life. While the rich elite gets richer, we get the Job Seekers Allowance, crap jobs, poor health care and more, more prisons. Or as they used to say, "It's the rich wot cause the trouble, and the poor wot gets the blame." And pays the heaviest penalty.

Taking Liberties (30p, free to prisoners), c/o London ABC, 121 Raiton Rd, London SE2.

Prison Watch (monitors deaths in custody), 24 Rochester Close, Derby DE24 OHS

NOBODY'S FOOL

A new society: what you cannot vote for!

A General Election while appearing to offer change, delivers nothing. Even before the rightward shift 'new' Labour made the Liberal Democrats & the SNP appear vaguely radical, only tinkering with the system could result from voting.

But voting nobody is not enough. Take the recent Pakistan elections, 67% didn't vote. In the USA, of those registered, it was 51% for nobody. Even in Australia, where voting is 'compulsory', a defiant minority vote nobody with little result.

Cynicism is not enough. We have to accentuate the 'positive' in what we believe in. Not voting in itself will not usher it in, but it's a start:

- * education & learning will be in a stimulating environment, not geared to qualifications or to fit market needs;
- * the environment will come first before production & 'development';
- * profit and the system of exploitation is abolished, along with bosses & firms;
- * money (as in the recent "Star Trek" movie!) will have ceased to exist;
- * production will be for need and not profit, and not linked to advertising;
- * with the destruction of the capitalist system, the poverty of 'developing' nations will be overturned by introducing sustainable production freed from exploitation;
- * A world without borders, with people free to travel without racist immigration controls;
- * art, sport and music, as part of our everyday life, free from exploitation and star status;
- * Relations between men and women would be based on equality and mutual respect (free of sex role stereotypes).

These and many other qualitative changes can only begin when resistance to present values based on exchange are bolstered by a widespread vision of what is possible based on respect for human beings and the other creatures of the planet. The fraud of 'representative democracy', the theft of our dreams by impostors, these belong to politicians & Election circuses the world over. What is worth fighting for, cannot be given or voted for. Real choice begins here.

SQUATS RESIST in SPAIN

Since the introduction of the Spanish state's New Penal Code in October 1996, 40 squats have been evicted and over 200 arrested.

On 20 December 1996 the 'Kasal Popular' in Valencia was evicted. There were days of resistance and sabotage actions. Solidarity actions took place all over the country.

A squatted central cinema in Barcelona resisted the court ordered eviction of 17 July until 28 October. The morning rose on a military operation involving 30 police vans, 2 helicopters and 200 heavily armed police. After 3 hours of confrontation, involving rubber cannon balls, smoke cannisters and high power water hoses (the state!) and cans of paint, human determination and firecrackers (the people!) the end credits came up with 48 arrested and 15 injured.

On 14 January another building was squatted in response to the cinema eviction. The new squat kicked off after a demo with partying, performances, and music. Info Zizana, apdo.400, 26080 Logrono, Spain.

LOUISE CLARK is an Edinburgh woman unjustly imprisoned for 5 years in Cornton Vale prison for the murder of her abusive partner who made her life hell for years. Her Support Campaign has collected 2,000 plus signatures on a petition and has organised a demo outside Cornton Vale on 15 March.



HUNGER STRIKE

THE ROCHESTER hunger strike was started on 6 January 1997, by refugees and asylum seekers held without time limit, charges, or proper medical or legal provisions, and with no avenue of complaint. They are calling for an independent body and judicial committee to hear their cases.

Some have been held for 2 years or more. Rochester is a centre of opposition for hundreds of people held in detention. There have been protests at Winson Green, Campsfield, Harmondsworth, Haslar, Bedford, and many other prisons.

Half of all detainees are held in prison, 90% of those detained are black, and 45% are suffering from mental or physical health conditions resulting from torture or other ill-treatment.

The detainees are men, women and children trying to reach a place of safety after suffering rape, torture, persecution or other violence. They and other detainees are regularly strip-searched, taunted and suffer other abuse.

The hunger strike was suspended

in late February but the refugees' struggle still continues.

Latest info from Rochester Hunger Strike Support Group, c/o Hackney Union, 219 Mare St., London E8 3QQ. 0181 985 7134 (Brian Debus) or 0181 986 3606.

* Fact-packed newsletter available from National Coalition of Anti Deportation Campaigns, 22 Berners St., Birmingham B19 2DR. Tel 0121 554 6947 fax 0121 507 1567 e mail

johnno@gapncadc.demon.co.uk

REPRESSION - ITALIAN STYLE

JEAN WEIR, Alfredo Bonnano and 13 other anarchists have been jailed in a state clamp-down in Italy. October and November saw more police raids on anarchists' homes - but also solidarity activity, eg in Rome and Verona. A solidarity picket descended on an Italian Consulate in Greece. CONTACT *Comitato di Difesa Anarchici*, c/o *El Paso Occupato*, via *Passo Buole 47, 10127 Torino, Italy*. Fax/tel +39 11 317 4107. Also <http://www.ecn.org/zero/canenero.htm>



SANS
PAPIERS
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NO

to FORTRESS EUROPE

The French State is trying to close the doors of its country against immigrant and refugee people by denying them legal status and forcible deportations.

The number of deportations from France has risen dramatically. In 1995 there were around 7,500 deportations and in 1996 11,733.

In protest, 300 "illegal immigrants" (many of whom had lived in France for years) occupied St. Bernard church in Paris for 2 months until violently evicted on August 23 1996. Since then the *Sans Papiers* movement has swelled with 24 *Sans Papiers* collectives across France including the 3rd collective of over 1,200 people of 30 nationalities.

The autonomously organised *Sans Papiers* resisted pressure from leftist anti-racist organisations and the immigration authorities to differentiate between those who had a better or worse chance of getting legal status.

They unite in demanding - Resident permits for all *Sans Papiers* - The immediate release of all those currently imprisoned - Immediate suspension of all deportations - The return of those who have been deported - Repeal of anti-immigrant legislation.

"Every time the battle lost momentum, women met and found initiatives to restart the struggle".

The *Sans Papiers* (an autonomous womens collective of the *Sans Papiers* movement) have been on hunger strikes fighting for nursery place provision and freedom. As the *Sans Papiers* strengthened the state regrouped and police violence escalated.

29 October 1996 - 500 invaded the reception of the immigration office and demanded talks. Armed men brutally forced 447 people to a detainment depot.

4 November 1996 - 500 people arrested at demonstration.

11 November 1996 - Over 400 people invaded a high profile theatre event attended by left-wing glitterati. A *Sans Papiers* spokeswoman stood up and called for unity in struggle of the exploited of the world and for the right of people to travel globally without racist state control. They were then chucked out.

Sans Papiers occupied a disused trade union building and remain after 6 months. Buildings are frequently squatted for shorter periods.

22 February 1997 - 150 thousand marched through Paris followed by riots over the next few days with police and protestors injured as crowds were "dispersed" with teargas.

The *Sans Papiers* draw support for their struggle from many sectors

NUCLEAR POWER? Nein Danke.

The biggest and most expensive peacetime mobilisation of German police took place during the first week in March. 30,000 cops were needed to allow the delivery of nuclear waste to the northern town of Gorleben after 10,000 encamped protestors blocked the final part of the convoy's route. Over 100 were injured as cops forced their way through with truncheons and water canon. 1,000 responded with stones and petrol bombs.



Celebrating Women in Fightback

The following is a short report from an anarchafeminist in Stockholm, Sweden:

WE CALL ourselves anarchafeminists because we want to emphasise that the feminism we identify with is not the feminism that seeks to incorporate women into the current society. We realise that there are multiple oppressions such as racism, capitalism, homophobia etc. and that women's liberation can only be achieved through the destruction of all oppressions.

However, we see the necessity for women to organise separately as women, as well as or-

of French society on their own terms. Solidarity pickets have been held outside the French Embassy in London, Rome and Amsterdam. The *Sans Papiers* are having an international day of action on 18 March and have organised an international petition. Send your protests to and support of the 5 demands to: *M. le Premier Ministre*, 58, rue de Varenne, 75007, Paris. Fax: ++(331) 45 44 15 72 & *M. le President de la Republique*, 55, rue de fbg. St. Honore, 75008 Paris. fax: ++(331) 47 42 24 65 Contact: *Coordination Nationale des 'Sans Papiers'*, 22, rue Pajol, 75018 Paris, France. Fax: ++(331) 4607 16 19 & E-mail: pajol@bok.net & Web site <http://bok.net/pajol>

2ND CLASS in GERMANY

Tens of thousands of Turkish schoolchildren stayed away from school and protested against a new law which obliges them to apply for residence permits to remain in the country. The 2.2 million members of Germany's Turkish community do not have German citizenship.

ganising in mixed groups, because sexist structures are also found within the anarchist movement. Separatism is then a strategy to break patriarchal patterns but it is a separatism that exists within an anarchist framework.

In the late 80s and early 90s, anarchist women started organising a women's free-zone for women to meet, discuss and organise politically. There is an anarchafeminist cafe held in the anarchist centre RSM, in Stockholm (once a week). It is run collectively by women. The collective organises talks in order to spread information about everything from class struggle, in-

Days that shook the tarmac.

France: Striking haulage drivers throughout France managed to win concessions from the Government after successfully blockading ports, oil-refineries and petrol depots in which over 200 separate barricades were erected.

The 12 day protests in November '96 ended in victory when the drivers won a wage increase, a drop in retirement age from 60 to 55, and a shorter working day.

The protest later drew support from airline and railway workers. **Spain:** Inspired by events in France, drivers in Spain went on the offensive in February '97.

Drawing up demands similar to their comrades in France the barricades went up.

Blockading oil terminals, petrol stations and ports caused large firms such as Renault, Mercedes-Benz and Opel to halt production. Supplies to shops were affected but drivers and Unions asked people not to hoard food as there was still enough to go round.

Even though 80% of Spain's drivers supported the demands, on

ternational women's struggle to lesbianism. Participation and activity is emphasised and the idea is to create a platform for political action for women within an anarchafeminist revolutionary framework.

8th of March '96 saw a busy day of activity. Around 40 women attacked targets of their choice in order to mark the celebration of International Women's Day. Graffiti, spraypainting and window smashing were some expressions of this celebration. Among the targets were the Swedish multinational H&M, a clothes company exploiting third world labour while simultaneously exploiting women's bodies for profit in Sweden through their infamous ad campaigns.

Later on that day the same company was hit again by angry women blocking the entrance of one of their shops during peak shopping hours. During the blockade no one was let in the shop. Apart from causing economic damage to H&M the blockade was given a lot of attention by passersby and the police of course... Apart from this, the blockade showed the determination of the group of women. This is merely one example of anarchafeminist resistance. the main thing though is to fight back wherever and whenever - don't let the bastards get you down! In solidarity.

An anarchafeminist group, 'Tantrum' is now organising in Glasgow. To get in touch write to Tantrum c/o CI.

March 1st Union leaders called off the strike, "in the national interest". The Government refused to lower the age of retirement on full benefits.

Korea Opportunities

At a secret vote of the South Korean parliament on December 26th '96, a law was passed that cut workers' rights:

- * Making it easier for bosses to lay off workers;
- * Banning the formation of 2 unions in one workplace - until 2002;
- * Banning the formation of umbrella labour groups - until 2000;
- * Increasing powers for the spy agency (to stifle political dissent).

The Korean Government is trying to copy the 'flexible' approach of the U.K. Government!

In a swift response, on December 27th, workers in the car industry, exporting and dockers went on strike, amounting to 300,000 on strike.

In Seoul, 6,000 demonstrators met riot police and tear gas with a greeting of bottles and paving stones. In Ulsan, 20,000 Hyundai workers held a rally burning an effigy of President Kim Young-Sam and chanting: "Fight, Fight, Fight".

On March 2nd the struggle continued with a half-day general stoppage.

DAVE MORRIS defies police to read out the "What's Wrong With McDonalds?" leaflet at a 100 strong demo at McDonalds, Princes St, Edinburgh on 22 Feb. Dave and Helen Steele were sued by McLiars for distributing such leaflets. Leaflet distribution will continue whatever the trial verdict, expected in May. *McLibel*, 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1. 0171 713 1269 (Photo: Norrie, Wester Hailes)



Bougainville resists

150 MERCENARIES have been hired by the government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) as it prepares to attack rebels on the island of Bougainville, at the western end of the Solomon Islands archipelago, north of Australia. Although ethnically part of the islands, power-broking early this century by European colonial powers forced the 160,000 islanders to go under PNG rule.

In 1969, the Australian owned CRA/RTZ copper mine at Panguna was forcibly established leaving 800 people homeless and a huge trail of environmental damage, destroying the gardening and fishing subsistence living. Bougainvilleans opposed the mine from day one and forcibly closed it in 1988, adopting guerilla tactics.

PNG, with Australian backing, sent its riot police and army to re-open the mine. Bougainvilleans formed the B'ville Revolutionary Army (BRA), declaring independence. A blockade by PNG has caused over 10,000 deaths, but central B'ville, with 100,000 people, remains in BRA hands.

Australia is heavily involved in the war, supplying training and equipment to the PNG army whose attacks have intensified lately. On Nov 26, 2 children were killed by PNG forces in Bigisagu village; 9 people, including 4 kids, died when a mortar bomb hit the Malabita care centre on Nov 28. 11 were massacred in Mokakuru on Dec 1st. BFM(UK), SDEF!, Prior House, Tilbury Pl., Brighton. BFM, PO Box 134, Erskineville, NSW 2043, Australia <http://www.magna.com.au/~sashab>

Lost in limbo

An Edinburgh postal worker writes: YET again the Communication Workers Union bureaucracy has managed to engineer the postal dispute into limbo.

In a 2nd ballot members voted to continue to resist the "Employer Agenda". But then the CWU leaders reached an interim settlement with Royal Mail - more negotiations over team working and the 2nd delivery guarantees - and all action was suspended.

CWU leaders put the deal to the vote only as a package that included acceptance of the '96 pay rise. Members' disillusionment showed in the low poll which gave the CWU its "yes" vote to participate in "Joint Working

Parties". These will deliver an inevitable fudge in April for our Union leadership to manipulate another "yes" vote if they can.

The dispute has shown the futility of trusting "left-leaning" officials on the National Executive and again reveals the importance of creating independent grassroots organisation of activists. The issue of sacked and disciplined strikers has not been resolved - CWU leaders seem intent upon minimising action on their behalf.

• A SUCCESSFUL picket in Jan. by building workers in Northampton forced James King Associates to pay wages owed to 13 workers. Meanwhile local UCATT branch secretary Brian Higgins is being sued by UCATT official Hehir for exposing his failure to support 2 sacked building workers.

working on a chain gang NOT

ON 24 February the government announced that the new work for your dole scheme, Project Work, would be made compulsory UK-wide if they win the election. The same day 25 anti workfare demonstrators occupied Grand Met's Head Office in London, to oppose Grand Met's heavy involvement in Project Work.

On 27 Feb. Bury Job Centre was invaded by claimants chained together and dressed in convict gear. A megaphone appeared and the chain gang denounced slave labour and Project Work. When manager Norma Hart tried to intervene, claimant photographers chased her round the office.

A tidal wave of occupations has engulfed Job Centres in NW England. Salford, Bolton, Burnley and Bury, plus Rathbones Training Agency, were all invaded in February. In Burnley - where last year a young man hung himself after his benefit was stopped - demonstrators photographed a client adviser and manager Duffy.

Project Work must be stopped. Why should the unemployed be forced to slave, under threat of benefit cuts, for 13 weeks for benefit plus a tenner?

If workfare gets established employers will replace workers

with conscripts off the dole. All workers are under threat.

The Tories are forcing Project Work (PW) on all unemployed over 2 years in 29 areas, including Edinburgh, Dundee, NE/E London, Bristol, Bolton / Bury, S. Tyneside, Bradford and Brighton, starting Feb./ April. Labour, too, have workfare plans, for under 25's.

How to stop Project Work?

- Actions/ occupations against Job Centres, PW Training Providers, and employers using PW conscripts
- Pressurising employers, Councils and charities to boycott PW - most charities boycotted the initial PW pilots in Kent and Humberside
- Workers pressurising their employers to boycott PW
- Benefit office workers not co-operating with PW
- Unemployed forced onto PW sabotaging equipment, making disastrous "mistakes" etc.
- Using "3 Strikes" demos and photographs to target those responsible for implementing PW

The Groundswell network of independent groups has called for Anti Project Work actions all over the UK on 2 April. Main targets are the rip-off Training Providers like Grand Met and Instant Muscle. Let's make the Project unworkable! Groundswell c/o Claimants Action Group, EOCC, Princes St., Oxford OX4 1HU. tel 01865 723750 (fax 724317).

• TWO years after the Council violently evicted our Broughton St Centre, the Autonomous Centre of Edinburgh has found a new home! Help needed to create a base for organising resistance. ACE / Edinburgh Claimants, 17 W. Montgomery Place, Edinburgh EH7 5HA. 0131 557 6242 (info exchange with similar groups requested).

GET INVOLVED !

- Scottish contacts: Glasgow Anarchist Alternatives Solidarity Centre, 3 Royal Exchange Square, G1 3PA (until May 2nd); Dundee Anarchists 01382 814922; The Autonomous Centre of Edinburgh / Edinburgh Claimants, 17 West Montgomery Place, EH7 5HA 0131-557-6242 • 5th May Group POB 1687 London N8; • Anarchist Black Cross, c/o 121 Railton Rd., London SE24 (prisoner solidarity) • Anarchist Communist Federation, 84b Whitechapel High St, London E1 7QX • Angry People, PO Box 108, St. Peters, NSW 2044 Australia
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